

Edison Neighborhood Association

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March 23, 2007

Ms. Shari Kolak
Remedial Project Engineer
United State Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois, 60604

RE: Proposed Disposal of PCB-Contaminants in the Edison Neighborhood's Allied
Paper Mill Site, Kalamazoo Michigan

Dear Ms. Kolak:

At the Edison Neighborhood Association's Board of Trustees meeting held on March 22, 2007, the Board unanimously voted to strongly oppose the U.S.E.P.A. dumping any toxic waste, contamination and/or PCBs into the Allied Paper Mill site, or anywhere else in our neighborhood.

We believe that it is too great a health risk to the water supply for the entire City of Kalamazoo. We also believe that trucks driving contaminated waste through our residential neighborhoods will leak and track these potentially harmful PCB's onto our streets, endangering our health, especially the health of our children and seniors. These contaminants have been proven to cause cancer and respiratory problems!!!

We were **NOT** involved in the decision making process, nor informed about this by the U.S.E.P.A., and feel that all of the decisions were made without appropriate input from impacted residents. The Edison Neighborhood Association, City of Kalamazoo and County of Kalamazoo are known for their abilities to partner and work together to create positive solutions that are beneficial everyone. We are amazed and concerned

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that we were not given the opportunity to collectively have any input in this crucial process.

Please help keep our neighborhood free of more contamination and work with us to become a part of the solution.

Thank you for taking the time to reconsider this decision. If you need further information, you can contact me at the above numbers or by email at edison@chartermi.net.

Sincerely,



Tammy Barnard
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Don de Blasio, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. EPA
Mr. Samuel Borries, On Scene Coordinator, U.S. EPA
Mr. Ken Horton, Milwood Neighborhood Association
Mr. George Norberg, Westnedge Hill Neighborhood Association
Mr. Kenneth Collard, City Manager
Mr. Gary Wager, Kalamazoo Neighborhoods Coalition
Mr. Bruce Merchant, Public Service Director, City of Kalamazoo
Mr. Michael Wetzel, Environmental Services, City of Kalamazoo
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U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senator Carl Levin